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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - FEBRUARY

I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

1. The Chief, FBIS, has returned from inspection of FBIS operations on the [] and in the Pacific and of proposed sites for a Far East monitoring station. His principal observations are the following:

a. That the Far East station should be established at Belo Point, Okinawa.

b. []

c. That further effort should be made to render living conditions at FBIS [] more amenable for as long a period as the operation there is continued; but that any attempt to move the station to [] should await some indication of probable necessity to maintain a station in the [] permanently.

d. That communications from [] may be improved by bringing the unsatisfactory situation to the personal attention of the Commanding General, AFMUTPAC.

e. That interim Tokyo monitoring should be further developed and expanded, with slight increase in American personnel.

f. That a policy and regular practice of staff rotation between FBIS overseas and mainland installations should be established.

Steps have been taken toward implementation of these observations.

2. The Cyprus Project team is negotiating for a site on the Island.

3. Condemnation proceedings for acquisition of the [] site for the [] station are in progress.

II. Accomplishment of overall mission, including firmly established individual objectives.

1. Better staffing of the typist unit of the Daily Report has made it possible to maintain the volume of the report at an average of more than 60,000 words per day, as against 54,000 for December and 48,000 for November, 1947.

2. FBIS London is delivering to American representatives at the current London conference on Germany and Austria its daily roundups of broadcast material, which include sections devoted to comment upon the conferences.

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